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File 7/21/08 was not allowed because of the following reasons:

1. Several amendments of record are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173 (amendment practice for reissue). Specifically, the prelim amendment filed 10/23/03 is non-compliant because new claims were not underlined in entirety. Also the preliminary amendment to the spec filed 10/23/03 is non-compliant because deleted subject matter is shown with strikeout (rather than properly shown with bracketing). Similarly, subsequent amendments filed 7/17/06 and 10/27/06 are non-compliant. See MPEP 1453 for details.

2. Applicant should also have been notified that amendment's filed after the filing of the original declaration require a supplemental declaration prior to allowance (per MPEP 1414.01). Therefore, the application is missing a supplemental declaration to cover further changes to the claims made after the filing of the original declaration.

3. The original declaration has checked a box that a form indicating foreign priority is attached but it doesn't appear to be present (or perhaps was lost prior to scanning). Please provide a copy so that we can have scanned in.

4. There are 2 Certificates of Correction to the patent file; and therefore please confirm has properly included those changes in this reissue application (without bracketing or underlining). See MPEP 1453 for details.

Items 1 and 2 above are the substantive defects which are preventing the Notice of Allowance from being mailed.

In order for the file to allow, the applicant should correct the above defects.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANH C. LE whose telephone number is 571-272-7868. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DWAYNE D. BOST can be reached on 571-272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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